UNWAY College students have outclassed their peers by earning international awards at the 16th Association of Chartered Certified Accountants graduation ceremony recently. Heading the awards list was Yee Mei Hui who obtained 93 marks to beat 736 other students worldwide to win the World Prize for Paper IM - Accounting Framework. Her college mates Tamarai S. Muthusamy and Hiew Pau Yee followed closely with 92 per cent and 90 per cent respectively for the same paper.

It is a third honour for Yee as she had also won the ACCA Achievers Award for Foundation Paper 3 - Management Information and Foundation Paper 4 - Organisational Framework in the December 1998 examination. She was placed fourth out of 6,533 students who sat for Paper 3 and was sixth from a total of 4,809 students in Paper 4.

Two of her coursemates, Chan Yunn Perng and Jannie Loh Lee Sun won the ACCA Achievers Award for Foundation Paper 2M - Legal Framework and Professional Module Paper 13M - Financial Reporting Environment respectively.

On the local front, two students, Joachim Ang Cheng Poe and Cheah Sek Hon won top prizes in the June 1998 examination. Ang won the Malaysian prize for the ACCA Organisational Framework (Paper 4) while Cheah took the prize for Management and Strategy (Paper 12). Another Sunway student, Chsmg Shew Leng came out tops locally for the Management Information (Paper 3) and joint fourth worldwide after having tied with eight other candidates.

Overall, Sunway College students have proven their world-class standards when the students achieved 85 per cent compared with the world's overall rate of 51 per cent in the Foundation Stage Paper 1 on Accounting Framework.

Its students also obtained a higher passing rate of 55 per cent compared with the world's passing rate of 39 per cent for Paper 2 on Legal Framework and 63 per cent for Paper 3 Management Information compared with 43 per cent overall world's rate.

The excellent results reflect on the quality of education provided right from foundation level at Sunway College which offers ACCA and the Certified Accounting Technician (CAT) programmes.

The ACCA programme is divided into three stages - Foundation, Certificate and Professional. The entire programme can be completed in just two-and-a-half years.

The CAT is a one-year intensive programme covering nine papers, leading to a vocational qualification designed by ACCA. Successful students will gain direct entry into the Certificate stage.

Sunway College is the first in the world to conduct the computer-based CAT level A examination in September last year. It takes a minimum of one-and-a-half years to complete the Certificate and Professional stages.

The programme, accredited by the National Education Committee of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants (ASCtPA), helps students to major in Accounting and receive the same professional accountancy recognition as those who do the entire degree course in Australia.

This means that they will also enjoy ASCtPA's exemptions from professional examinations as their Australian counterparts. The ASCtPA plays a similar role as the Malaysian Institute of Accountant (MIA).

The director of education and membership of ASCtPA's National Education Committee, Ann Johns, said she was impressed with the facilities offered at Sunway College.

For more information on the 3+0 programme, contact (03) 735-8622.